Import of Petroleum and Petroleum Products

79. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the quantities of petroleum and petroleum products imported during the last two years, year-wise, and their value in foreign exchange;

(b) the quantities of imports to be made during the current financial year and the amount of foreign exchange involved. and

(c) what measures are contemplated to progressively reduce the imports of petroleum and petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The quantities of crude oil and petroleum products imported during the last two years and the rupee equivalent of their foreign exchange value are as follows:

Quantity : '000' Tonnes

Value : Rs./Crores

Item	1989-90		1990-91*	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
A. Crude Oil	19490	4089.35	20699	6118 42
B. Petroleum Products	6564	2254 71	8660	4660.21
Total (A+B) :	26054	6344 06	29359	10778.63

*Provisional.

(b) At present Government have approved the import of 19.6 MMT of crude oil and 9.626 MMT of petroleum products during 1991-92. The amount of foreign exchange involved will depend on the prices in the international market during the year.

(c) Efforts are being made to increase the indigenous production of crude oil during the 8th Plan alongwith expansion in the existing refining capacity. Besides various conservation measures, efforts are also being made to increase the use of natural gas which is indigenously available and can be used to replace liguid petroleum prduocts.

Approval to Andhra Pradesh Thermal Power Projects

80. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether approvals have since been accorded to the Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Station Units I and II and the proposed Super Thermal Power Station at Manuguru in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are their respective cost estimates;

(c) if the answer to part 'a' above is in the negative what are the reasons for delay; and

(d) by when further work on the above projects is expected to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The proposal